CHINESE QUESTION

Conference Between Unionists and Planters-Practical Suggestions by the Vice President of the

J. B. Atherton, F. A. Schaefer, C. M. Cooke and W. O. Smith. The deputation from the Union consisted of Messrs. A. Marques, President, J. F. Bush, Daniel Lyons and John F.

Mr. Marques, as spekesman of the deputation, introduced the subject of the conference, stating that the Union being at a loss for a remedy against Chinese competition in industry and trade, had come to the Planters' Labor and Supply Company to see if they could not suggest something as a basis

Mr. Glade replied on behalf of the Trustees. At the outset he told the deputation that they ought to tackle the question so as to get at the correct status of things. He should say that President of the League. the beginning should be to ascertain how many Chinamen are here, where are they, and what are they doing. How to individualize the Chinese is the difficulty.

There is only one means of attaining to the end proposed, and that is to have a law passed, ordering that within sixty days from a given date every Chinaman is to have a passport, showing where he is to be found if wanted. The Chinaman must be prepared to produce this document whenever lawfully called upon so to do. It should contain not only his name, his signature, but when he arrived here and, further, where he is working and

As soon as the man leaves his em-As soon as the man leaves his em-ployer—who is a partner in this pass book—if the laborer has committed crime, or done anything seriously wrong, the employer should make the fact known without necessarily delivering him up to justice. If there is no complaint made to the Court, of course the man does not go on the judicial records as a criminal. At the same time the employer should go to the nearest District Justice and state that

laborer so-and-so has left him. Mr. Glade held that the plan proposed would be a very good one both for getting at the true status of the matter and for assisting the police out of the admitted difficulty of enforcing the Vagrant Act. The speaker alluded to the similarity in features of the general mass of Chinese as they appear to other people, and held that some such method as that proposed was essential if every Chinaman was to be ight that the measure advocated

could easily be brought about. The laborer, it was further sugworth much to the country to make them individually accessible. If necessary to the constitutionality of such a measure, every man of whatever nationality might, without any hard-

hands on any such

Mr. Glade's views were well reagreed that memoranda should be drawn up on the part of each organizawas deemed necessary to solve the engrossing problem. A memorial or petition will probably be prepared and addressed to all the members of the Legislature, embodying the united sentiments of the Company and the Union upon the matter.

ject. He referred to the fact that the law formerly prevented the Chinese from coming here except under contract, but the Chinese Government objected strongly to that, saying that duction because it is an article of unless the Chinese could come on paying their passages, they should not come at all. As a result of the utter freedom allowed Chinese now adare to be made cheaper for the public. In the face of the sugar trust it a very grave question whether every mitted to the country, Mr. Glade related a striking instance in the late experience of his house (Messrs, H. Hackfeld & Co.) Upon the arrival of the last load of Chinese, numbering about 500, a fortnight or so ago, they sent out a runner to obtain 31 of them for different plantations, but up to the present day he had failed to get one artificial price, but the chances are man except by the month. As the firm had to pay their passages to Kauai, they naturally wanted them to stay there a while. Most of the Chinese would not engage even by the

Mr. Glade, in reply to a question, said the Chinese generally preferred to go to Maui. A very bad custom had we run the risk of an export duty come into vogue of having professional contractors for labor, which originated at Spreckelsville, but, after futile resistance thereto, had gradually been fallen into by all of the planters. The contractor would rather spend a few hundred dollars to get higher wages will keep the price up, just as if the than to keep them down.

Referring to the conference, Mr. Glade reiterated his conviction that the great difficulty in suppressing Chinese vagrancy and cognate evils was that of individualizing that nationality. "How can you find where Ah Sam is unless he has a number?" Mr. Glade seemed pleased that the Union had adopted the course of holding friendly consultation with the planters upon the Chinese question, of vital importance as that is to all classes of the community.

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THE KING FOR TEMPERANCE.

His Majesty as Patron of the Hamakua Blue Ribbon League-Translation of the King's Letter to the

Planters' Company.

As announced briefly in that morning's GAZETTE, a deputation of the Anti-Asiatle Union met by appointment, on Wednesday afternoon, at the office of Messrs, H. Hackfeld & Co., with the Trustees of the Planters' Labor & Sumply Company, to confer as the time and place for opening and

Labor & Supply Company, to confer upon the question of restricting Chinese immigration and settlement.

There were present, of the Trustees, Messrs, H. F. Glade, Vice President, After the morning services were over a short intermission was held, and when the congregation was again seated Hon. J. K. Kaunamano, His Majesty's Delegate, in full dress, wearing a broad blue ribbon sash, with the words "Ka Elele o ka Moi" inscribed in letters of gold, escorted by Hon, R, A. Lyman, Knight of the Royal Order of Kalakaua, and Judge J. P. Miau, President of the League, entered the church bearing the royal letter, the audience rising and singing the national anthem. After prayer by Rev. Kapali, the royal letter was opened and read, and interpreted in English, and presented to the League

> The following is a translation of His Majesty's letter:

with appropriate remarks by the dele-

KAWATHAE, April 14, 1888.

To Keohohiwa Kalanipaihala and the Committee of Ladies of the Blue Ribbon League of the district of Hamakua, Island of Hawaii, Hawaiian

My Mother in righteousness, and in the body, Love to you and your co-laborers. I received your letter of love, asking me to join with you in your work, also to become a Father to your League. I am pleased to have received from you this good and kind invitation in the cause you are striving

for, the good of our fellow man. I therefore inform you that I assent to your request, and may the Al-mighty consent to join us together in earnestly laboring for this good work of vours.

Some time this year, I hope to be able to meet in person, the President and the members of your League that has asked me to act as Father.

I send this answer to your letter by the hand of the Hon. John Kalewale Kaunamano, one of the members of my Privy Council of State, as Delegate, and who will convey my loving regards to you and all your fellow workers, and deliver this letter in the presence of the whole League.

(Signed) KALAKAUA. BLUE RIBBON. Kukuihaele, April 25, 1888.

The Sugar Tax and the Sugar Trust.

There are less than twenty sugar refining concerns in the United States, and all but three of them are From Reed & Barton, SOLID SILVER WARE gested, should have his tax receipt in-serted in his book. There is no doubt sugar trust. The purpose of this that a very large proportion of the combination is to raise the price of Chinese evade paying their taxes, and refined sugar and lower the cost to on this ground singly it would be the refiners of raw sugar. Before was something like competition in the raw sugar market. Even now, however, this trust has succeeded in ship, be required to have a passport. lowering the price of raw sugar and To make planters responsible for at the same time been able to put up laborers who have left their employ the price of refined sugar. Cargoes lowering the price of raw sugar and would be impossible, because the law of sugar which would have brought would not allow the planters to lay 42 cents a pound three weeks ago. 42 cents a pound three weeks ago, fetched only 42 cents a pound last week. In the same time the price Union, and, upon a general exchange of opinion between both parties, it was increased 11 cents and of crushed sugar nearly 2g cents. The sugar trust is organized to bring about tion, setting forth what legislation these results, and it will continue so until the law-making power, in obedience to a universal demand, shall put an end to all enterprises of this kind.

The existence of the trust, how ever, must be considered in connec-After the conference had adjourned tion with the duty on sugar. Pro-Mr. Glade gave our representative tectionists desire the repeal of the further enlightenment upon the subsugar tax because it is a revenue duty, and a few revenue reformers, while admitting that it is almost entirely a revenue tax, favor some renecessary consumption which ought PATENT

In the face of the sugar trust it is a very grave question whether even a total repeal of the duty would make sugar a cheaper article in the market. It is true that if the trust so controls the manufacture of sugar as to put an arbitrary price upon it. the duty paid upon raw sugar may be passed along and be added to the that, in view of the eighty million tion of a cent a pound should the

we run the risk of an export duty likely to be imposed by sugar-producing countries, as was the case when we took off the coffee tax, and there is every probability that the sugar tax remained, and put the

It will be the idlest ceremony in the world for Congress to reduce or repeal the sugar tax and so deprive the treasury of a part or the whole of some fifty-five or sixty million dollars a year, unless the price of sugar is reduced to the consumer, and it seems to us more than probable that so long as the sugar trust continues, the effect of reduction or repeal will be to transfer just so much of the people's money from the Federal Treasury to the sugar refiners.—

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